

# Comprehensive Plan Policies

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*The following are vision statements and policies from two elements in the Comprehensive Plan that speak to design and historic character.*

## **Community Character and Historic Preservation Element**

### **Vision:**

“...The city’s historic roots are still apparent through preservation of special sites, structures and buildings...”

### **CC-18: Use Design Standards and design review to accomplish the following:**

- Ensure the elements of design, proportion, rhythm and massing are correct for proposed structures and the site;
- Retain and create places and structures in the city that have unique features;
- Ensure that building scale and orientation are appropriate to the site;
- Encourage the use of high-quality and durable materials, as well as innovative building techniques and designs;
- Promote environmentally friendly design and building techniques such as LEED for the construction or rehabilitation of structures;
- Minimize negative impacts, such as glare or unsightly views of parking;
- Incorporate historic features whenever possible;
- Maintain integrity of zones such as Old Town with unique or historic qualities; and
- Ensure that the design fits with the context of the site, reflecting the historic and natural features and character.

**CC-45: Ensure the compatibility of development adjacent to Landmark Properties through measures such as design standards.**

## **Urban Centers Element**

### **Vision:**

“...Old Town thrives...New buildings blend with refurbished buildings, retaining the area’s historic character.”

### **Downtown Neighborhood Policies**

“Downtown should be a place that:

- Is a place where people want to be that maintains its comfortable and connected feel and sense of Redmond's History and historic buildings..."

**DT-13: Identify historic resources that are defining features of Redmond's downtown and use the following techniques to preserve the historic character:**

- Ensure the design of new developments adjacent to Historic Landmarks respect the historic character of those buildings and encourage design sympathetic to historic character where adjacent historic buildings are likely to qualify for landmarks...

**Old Town:**

**DT-25: Ensure that development and redevelopment in Old Town retain this area's historic village character and complement the character and scale of existing historic buildings. Maintain height limits appropriate to this character and the pedestrian environment.**

**DT-28: Maintain and enhance the traditional Downtown "main street" character which includes continuous pedestrian-oriented storefronts and pedestrian-scaled streetscapes, through specific attention to architectural detail, components of the streetscape, and the relationships between them.**